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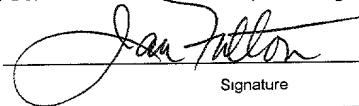
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled: "Method and Apparatus for Controlling a Thickness of a Conductive Layer in a Semiconductor Manufacturing Operation"
Inventor(s): Joyce S. Oey Hewett and Alexander Pasadyn
Client Reference: TT4629

Sir:

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- (1) 26-page patent specification with 41 claims and an abstract
(also Figures 1-7 on 5 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet;
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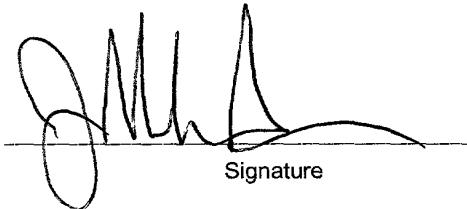
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